## Exhibit 1

**Proposed Rejection Notice** 

# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

| In re:   | )                         | Chapter 11                     |  |  |  |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|--|
| JOANN INC., et al., <sup>1</sup>   | ) Case No. 25-10068 (CTG) |                                |  |  |  |
| Debtors.   | )                         | (Jointly Administered)         |  |  |  |
|  | _ )                       | <b>Re: Docket Nos. 16, [●]</b> |  |  |  |
| NOTICE OF REJECTION OF CERTAIN EXECUTORY CONTRACTS AND/OR UNEXPIRED LEASES |                           |                                |  |  |  |

PARTIES RECEIVING THIS NOTICE SHOULD LOCATE THEIR NAMES AND THEIR CONTRACTS OR LEASES ON SCHEDULE 2 ATTACHED HERETO AND READ THE CONTENTS OF THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to the Procedures Order and by this written notice (this "Rejection Notice"), the Debtors hereby notify you that they have determined, in the exercise of their business judgment, that each Contract set forth on <u>Schedule 2</u> attached hereto is hereby rejected effective as of the date (the "<u>Rejection Date</u>") set forth in <u>Schedule 2</u>, or

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

such other date as the Debtors and the counterparty or counterparties to any such Contract agree. If any such Contract is an unexpired lease of non-residential real property (a "Lease"), the rejection effective date shall be the later of (a) the proposed effective date set forth on the Rejection Notice; and (b) the date the Debtors relinquish control of the premises by (1) notifying the affected landlord in writing, with email being sufficient, of the Debtors' surrender of the premises and turning over the key, key codes, and security codes, if any, to the affected landlord or (2) notifying the affected landlord in writing, with email being sufficient, that the keys, key codes, and security codes, if any, are not available, but that the landlord may rekey the leased premises; *provided* that the Rejection Date for Lease rejected pursuant to this Rejection Notice shall not occur earlier than the date the Debtors filed and served this Rejection Notice.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that parties seeking to object to the proposed rejection of any of the Contracts must file and serve a written objection so that such objection is filed with the Court on the docket of the Debtors' chapter 11 cases and is actually received by the following parties no later than fourteen (14) days after the date that the Debtors served this Notice and promptly serve such objection on the following parties: (a) the Debtors, 5555 Darrow Road, Hudson, Ohio 44236, Attn.: Ann Aber, EVP, Chief Legal and Human Resources Officer; (b) proposed co-counsel to the Debtors, (i) Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 601 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10022, Attn.: Aparna Yenamandra, P.C. (aparna.yenamandra@kirkland.com) and 333 West Wolf Point Plaza, Chicago Illinois 60654, Attn.: Jeffrey Michalik (jeff.michalik@kirkland.com), and Lindsey Blumenthal (lindsey.blumenthal@kirkland.com) and (ii) Cole Schotz P.C., 500 Delaware Avenue, Suite 1410, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, Attn.: Patrick J. Reilley (preilley@coleschotz.com), Stacy L. Newman (snewman@coleschotz.com), Michael E. Fitzpatrick (mfitzpatrick@coleschotz.com), and Jack M.

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Adams (jadams@kelleydrye.com), Maeghan McLoughlin (mmcloughlin@kelleydrye.com) and Connie Choe (cchoe@kelleydrye.com) and Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP, 919 North Market Street, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor, P.O. Box 8705, Wilmington, Delaware 19899-8705, Attn: Bradford Sandler (bsandler@pszjlaw.com) and James O'Neill (joneill@pszlaw.com). Only those responses that are timely filed, served, and received will be considered at any hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, absent an objection being timely filed, the rejection of each Contract shall become effective on the applicable Rejection Date set forth in Schedule 2 or such other date as the Debtors and the counterparty or counterparties to such Contract agree.<sup>3</sup> If the Contract is a Lease, the Debtors shall submit the Rejection Order to the Court under a certificate of no objection authorizing the rejection of each such Lease listed in this Rejection Notice to be rejected as of the later of (i) the applicable Rejection Date set forth in Schedule 2 or such other date as the Debtors and the applicable Rejection Counterparty may agree and (ii) the date the Debtors relinquish control of the premises by notifying the affected landlord in writing of the Debtors' surrender of the premises and (A) turning over keys, key codes, and security codes, if any, to the affected landlord or (B) notifying the affected landlord may rekey the leased premises.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that, if an objection to the rejection of any Contract is timely filed and not withdrawn or resolved, the Debtors shall file a notice for a hearing to consider the objection for the Contract or Contracts to which such objection relates. If such

An objection to the rejection of any particular Contract listed in this Rejection Notice shall not constitute an objection to the rejection of any other contract or lease listed in this Rejection Notice. Any objection to the rejection of any particular Contract listed in this Rejection Notice must state with specificity the Contract to which it is directed. For each particular Contract whose rejection is not timely or properly objected to, such rejection will be effective in accordance with this Rejection Notice and the Order.

objection is overruled or withdrawn, such Contract or Contracts shall be rejected as of the applicable Rejection Date set forth on **Schedule 2** attached hereto or such other date as the Debtors and Rejection Counterparty agree or as otherwise ordered by the Court.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to the terms of the Procedures Order, if the Debtors have deposited monies with a Contract counterparty as a security deposit or other arrangement, the Contract counterparty may not set off or recoup or otherwise use such monies without further order of the Court, unless the Debtors and the counterparty or counterparties to such Contracts otherwise agree.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that, absent timely objection, any personal property of the Debtors that is listed and described in **Schedule 2** attached hereto shall be deemed abandoned as of the Rejection Date.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, to the extent you wish to assert a claim with respect to rejection of your Contract or Contracts, you must do so by the later of (a) the claims bar date established in these chapter 11 cases, if any, and (b) thirty (30) days after the later of (1) the Rejection Date, if no objection is filed and (2) the date that all such filed objections have either been overruled or withdrawn. IF YOU FAIL TO TIMELY SUBMIT A PROOF OF CLAIM IN THE APPROPRIATE FORM BY THE DEADLINE SET FORTH HEREIN, YOU WILL BE FOREVER BARRED, ESTOPPED, AND ENJOINED FROM (1) ASSERTING SUCH CLAIM AGAINST ANY OF THE DEBTORS AND THEIR CHAPTER 11 ESTATES, (2) VOTING ON ANY CHAPTER 11 PLAN OF REORGANIZATION FILED IN THESE CASES ON ACCOUNT OF SUCH CLAIM, AND (3) PARTICIPATING IN ANY DISTRIBUTION IN THE DEBTORS' CHAPTER 11 CASES ON ACCOUNT OF SUCH CLAIM.

Dated: [●]

Wilmington, Delaware

#### /s/ DRAFT

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## Schedule 1

**Procedures Order** 

### Schedule 2

### **Rejected Contracts**

| Rejection    | Debtor | Store  | Store   | Description of Contract <sup>1</sup> | Abandoned | Rejection |
|--------------|--------|--------|---------|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Counterparty | Party  | Number | Address |                                      | Property  | Date      |
|              |        |        |         |                                      |           |           |

The inclusion of a Contract on this list does not constitute an admission as to the executory or non-executory nature of the Contract, or as to the existence or validity of any claims held by the counterparty or counterparties to such Contract.

## Schedule 3

**Proposed Contract Rejection Order** 

# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

|                                  | ) <b>Re: Docket No. [●]</b> |
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| Debtors.                         | ) (Jointly Administered)    |
| JOANN INC., et al., <sup>1</sup> | ) Case No. 25-10068 (CTG)   |
| In re:                           | )<br>Chapter 11             |

# ORDER AUTHORIZING THE DEBOTRS TO REJECT CERTAIN UNEXPIRED LEASES

Pursuant to and in accordance with the Order (I) Authorizing and Approving Procedures to Reject or Assume Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases and (II) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. [•]] (the "Procedures Order")²entered in the chapter 11 cases of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors"); and it appearing that the Notice of Rejection of Certain Executory Contracts and/or Unexpired Leases [Docket No. [•]] (the "Rejection Notice") satisfies the requirements set forth in the Procedures Order; and the United States District Court for the District of Delaware having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334, which was referred to the Court under 28 U.S.C. § 157 and the Amended Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, dated February 29, 2012; and this Court having found that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2); and this Court having found that this Court may enter a final

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order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; and this Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Rejection Notice in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having found that the relief requested in the Rejection Notice is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; and this Court having found that the Debtors' notice of the Rejection Notice and opportunity for a hearing on the Rejection Notice were appropriate and no other notice need be provided; and this Court having reviewed the Rejection Notice; and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Rejection Notice establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before this Court; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The Contract[s] set forth in <u>Exhibit 1</u> attached hereto [is/are] hereby rejected as of the Rejection Date established in the Rejection Notice; *provided*, *however*, if any such Contract is an unexpired lease of non-residential real property (a "<u>Lease</u>"), the rejection effective date shall be the later of (a) the applicable Rejection Date set forth in the Rejection Notice or such other date as the Debtors and the applicable Rejection Counterparty may agree and (b) the date the Debtors relinquish control of the premises by notifying the affected landlord in writing, with email being sufficient, of the Debtors' surrender of the premises and (i) turning over keys, key codes, and security codes, if any, to the affected landlord or (ii) notifying the affected landlord in writing, with email being sufficient, that the keys, key codes, and security codes, if any, are not available, but the landlord may rekey the leased premises (the "Rejection Effective Date").
- 2. Any and all property located on the Debtors' leased premises on the Rejection Effective Date of the applicable Lease shall be deemed abandoned pursuant to section 554 of the Bankruptcy Code, as is, effective as of the Rejection Date. The applicable Contract counterparty

or counterparties may, in their sole discretion and without further notice or further order of this Court, utilize and/or dispose of such property without further notice or liability to the Debtors or consenting third parties and, to the extent applicable, the automatic stay is modified to allow such disposition.

- 3. If any affected Rejection Counterparty to a Contract asserts a claim against the Debtors arising from the rejection of the Contract, the Counterparty must file a proof of claim on or before the later of (a) the applicable deadline for filing proofs of claim established in these chapter 11 cases and (b) thirty (30) days after the later of (i) the Rejection Date or, in the case of a Lease, the Rejection Effective Date and (ii) the date of entry of this Order. If no proof of claim is timely filed, such claimant shall be forever barred from asserting a claim for damages arising from the rejection and from participating in any distributions on such a claim that may be made in connection with these chapter 11 cases.
- 4. Nothing contained in the Rejection Notice or this Order, and no action taken pursuant to the relief requested or granted (including any payment made in accordance with this Order), is intended as or shall be construed or deemed to be: (a) an admission as to the amount of, basis for, or validity of any claim against the Debtors under the Bankruptcy Code or other applicable nonbankruptcy law; (b) a waiver of the Debtors' or any other party in interest's right to dispute any claim on any grounds; (c) a promise or requirement to pay any particular claim; (d) an implication, admission or finding that any particular claim is an administrative expense claim, other priority claim or otherwise of a type specified or defined in the Rejection Notice or this Order; (e) a request or authorization to assume, adopt, or reject any agreement, contract, or lease pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code; (f) an admission as to the validity, priority, enforceability or perfection of any lien on, security interest in, or other encumbrance on property

of the Debtors' estates; or (g) a waiver or limitation of any claims, causes of action or other rights of the Debtors or any other party in interest against any person or entity under the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable law.

- 5. All rights and defenses of the Debtors are preserved, including all rights and defenses of the Debtors with respect to a claim for damages arising as a result of a Contract rejection, including any right to assert an offset, recoupment, counterclaim, or deduction. In addition, nothing in this Order or the Rejection Notice shall limit the Debtors' ability to subsequently assert that any particular Contract is terminated and is no longer an executory contract or unexpired lease, respectively.
- 6. Notice of the Rejection Notice as provided therein shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of such Rejection Notice and the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) and the Local Rules are satisfied by such notice.
- 7. Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h), the terms and conditions of this Order are immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.
- 8. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Debtors are authorized to remove any Contract from the schedule to the Rejection Notice at any time prior to the Rejection Date.
- 9. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Order.
- 10. This Court retains exclusive jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.